

A TRANSFORMATIONAL GROWTH AGENDA FOR A STRONGER DC

WE MUST ADDRESS FEDERAL JOB LOSS

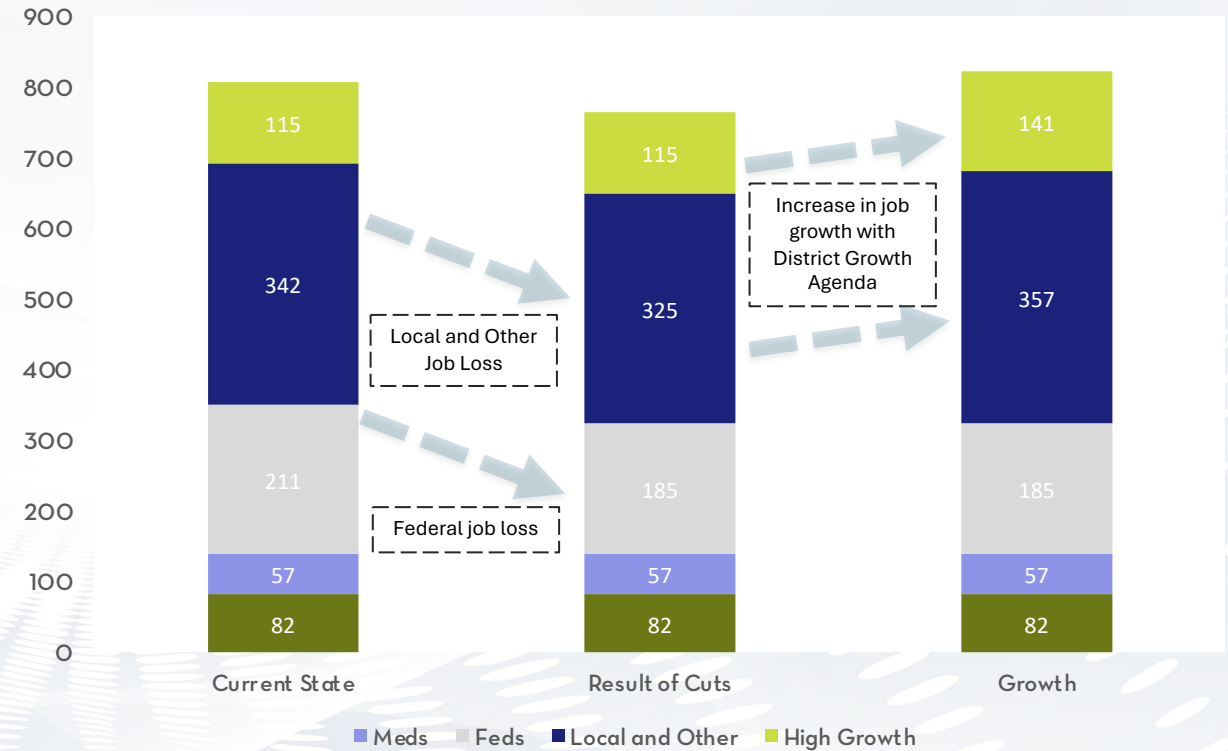
Federal government job losses are causing economic uncertainty in DC.

Expected **loss of 40,000 jobs**, reduced income and consumer spending, and the continued impacts of remote work on the commercial office market.

By investing in high-growth industries, we can replace federal job losses and move quickly to a more diversified economy.

Through our interventions, we can turn a potential 43,000-job loss into a 15,000-job gain.

DC Employment By Sector (in thousands)



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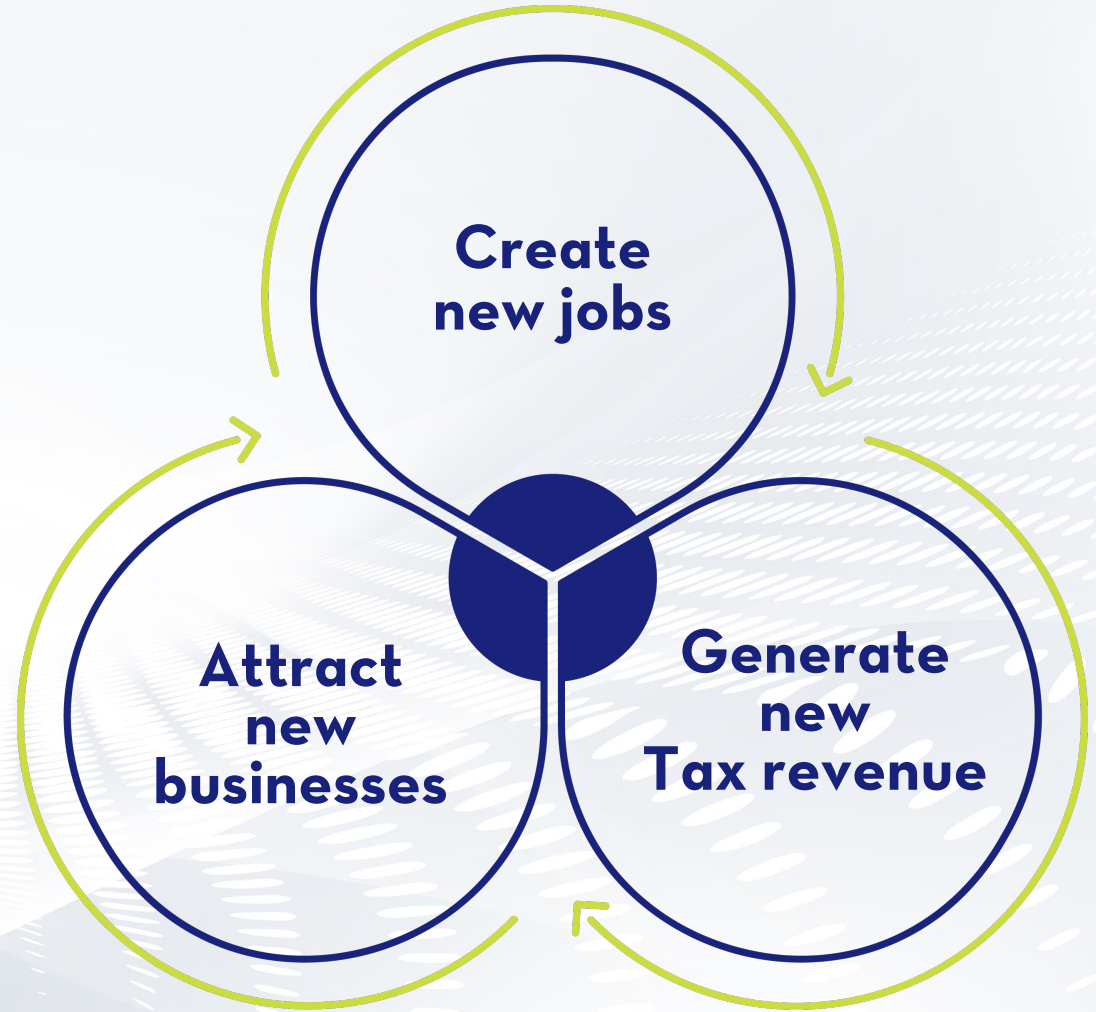
Invest in Downtown



Double Down on Sports & Entertainment and Tech



Reduce Barriers to Business Growth



INVEST IN DOWNTOWN

A New Gallery Square



Downtown remains a vital engine for DC's economic growth. The FY26 budget will continue to support a mixed-use, 24/7 Downtown with more housing, people, activity, and vibrancy.

Activate

- **Host activations** during Capital One Arena construction
- Launch the **Gallery Place Cultural District** and **Chinatown Renewal Initiative** to plan for and support the neighborhood

Transform

- **Increase new office conversions** by expanding the Housing in Downtown program to include Georgetown and Mt. Vernon Triangle
- Deliver 7th and 8th streets to create **Gallery Square**, a civic commons space around the Portrait Gallery
- Develop a **Master Plan for Southwest DC** as a new mixed-use community south of The National Mall

DOUBLE DOWN ON SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

People love cities because they bring people together and because cities are hubs of energy and culture. We are leaning into our live event economy.

INVEST IN THE SPORTS CAPITAL

Bring the
Commanders
home to RFK

Transform
Capital One
Arena

BRING NEW LIFE TO DC'S THEATERS

Enhance and renovate National Theatre,
Lincoln Theatre, and Howard Theatre



INVEST IN TECH

DC has the 2nd highest concentration per capita of tech talent in the nation.
Leaning into our talent advantage will allow us to become a global leader in tech.

“Forbes Ranks DC as the best state for technology careers”

Accelerate DC's Position as a Tech Hub:

- ★ Revive the Qualified High Technology Companies (QHTC) tax incentive
- ★ Invest in tech incubators to recruit and support start-ups

Support Emerging DC-Based Tech Companies

Launched in 2024, the **DC Venture Capital Program** is leveraging **\$52 million** in combined DC and private dollars to make equity investments in early-stage, DC-based tech companies.

★ State for tech careers

★ Tech hub in America

★ Concentration of global cybersecurity talent

SUPERSIZE OUR BUSINESS ATTRACTION

Given the urgency of the moment, we are redirecting a portion of DC's tourism attraction funds to our business attraction efforts.

Expand business attraction investments:



Double our marketing capacity



Accelerate our capacity to attract high growth industries to DC



Continue the Vitality Fund to recruit businesses, with a focus on Downtown



REMOVE BARRIERS TO BUSINESS GROWTH

In order to stay competitive, we must make it easier to do business. That means lowering taxes, improving processes, and providing support to local businesses.



Easier to Open in DC – Cut Red Tape

- ★ Reform zoning to reduce time and cost to deliver new developments
- ★ Pause Building Energy Performance Standard and Net Zero
- ★ Repeal the Parking Benefit Equivalent Program
- ★ Enact TOPA reform that protects affordable housing and attracts new investment to spur new housing production

Easier to Stay in DC – Lower Taxes, Provide Support

- ★ No sales tax increase in FY26
- ★ Reduce Universal Paid Leave tax from 0.75% to 0.72%
- ★ Expand eligibility for DMPED retail grant programs
- ★ Implement citywide retail incentives to revitalize commercial corridors in all 8 wards.

SUPPORTING DC RESTAURANTS

DC restaurants are facing a perfect storm – from increased operating and supply costs, to higher rents, and unique labor challenges.

DC must rebalance our system to ensure our restaurants can compete, survive, and employ DC residents.

The FY26 Budget will:



Bring our policies in line with the region by restoring DC's previous tipped minimum wage law.

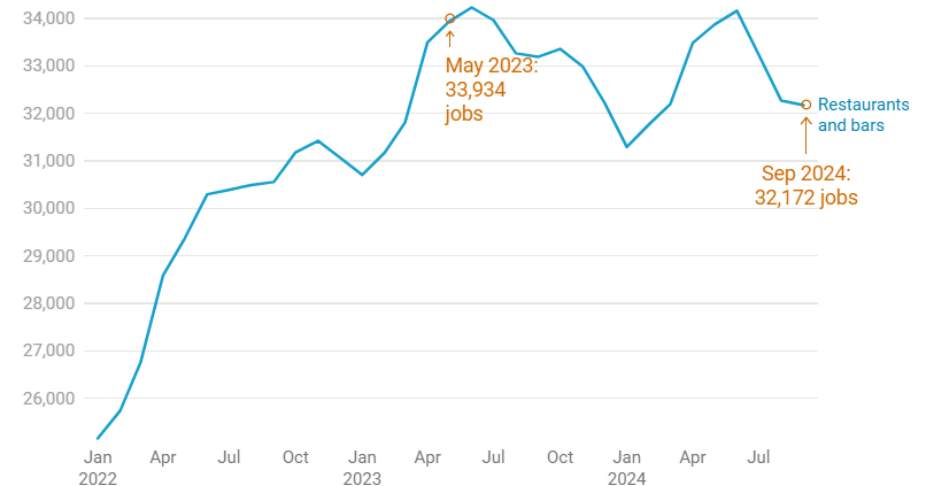


Establish new **sales tax holidays for restaurants** on 8/29/25, 1/18/26, and 5/22/26

The Washington Post

'It's just not sustainable': D.C. restaurants pushed to the brink (4/14/25)

DC Full-Service Restaurant and Bar Employment



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, NAICS 722511 and 722410 • Created with Datawrapper

DC IS UNIQUE AND HAS A STRONG FUTURE

Access to National and Global Leaders

#1 Consulates and embassies



Connected to the Nation & the World

3 international airports in the top best large airports

Diverse and Well-Educated Workforce

#3 Smartest City in America

Ranked #1

park system in the country by the Trust for Public Land for four consecutive years



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National Leader in Affordable Housing Production



DMV is 5th largest economy in the U.S.

Great Food & Entertainment

23 Michelin star restaurants

21 world-class museums and theaters Downtown

#SportsCapital